

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House and Senate met for the Inauguration of President Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr. and Vice President Kamala Devi Harris.

Senator-elect Jon Ossoff, of Georgia, Senator-elect Raphael Warnock, of Georgia, and Senator-designate Alejandro Padilla, of California, were administered the oath of office by the Vice President.

Senate agreed to S. Res. 6, to elect Patrick J. Leahy, a Senator from the State of Vermont, to be President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States.

Senate confirmed the nomination of Avril Danica Haines, of New York, to be Director of National Intelligence.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S63–S74*

**Measures Introduced:** Six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. Res. 6–11. **Page S72**

**Measures Passed:**

**President Pro Tempore:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 6, to elect Patrick J. Leahy, a Senator from the State of Vermont, to be President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States. **Page S64**

**President Pro Tempore Emeritus:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 7, expressing the thanks of the Senate to the Honorable Chuck Grassley for his service as President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate and to designate Senator Grassley as President Pro Tempore Emeritus of the United States Senate. **Page S64**

**Notifying the President:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 8, notifying the President of the United States of the election of a President pro tempore. **Page S64**

**Notifying the House of Representatives:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 9, notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a President pro tempore. **Page S64**

**Secretary for the Majority of the Senate:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 10, electing Gary B. Myrick, of Virginia, as Secretary for the Majority of the Senate. **Pages S64–65**

**Secretary for the Minority of the Senate:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 11, electing Robert M. Duncan, of the District of Columbia, as Secretary for the Minority of the Senate. **Page S65**

**Swearing In of Senator Ossoff:** The Chair laid before the Senate the certificate of election of Senator-elect Jon Ossoff, of the State of Georgia, and the oath of office was then administered as required by the U.S. Constitution and prescribed by law. **Pages S63–64**

**Swearing In of Senator Warnock:** The Chair laid before the Senate the certificate of election of Senator-elect Raphael Warnock, of the State of Georgia, and the oath of office was then administered as required by the U.S. Constitution and prescribed by law. **Pages S63–64**

**Swearing In of Senator Padilla:** The Chair laid before the Senate the certificate of election of Senator-designate Alejandro Padilla, of the State of California, and the oath of office was then administered as required by the U.S. Constitution and prescribed by law. **Pages S63–64**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 84 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. EX. 3), Avril Danica Haines, of New York, to be Director of National Intelligence. **Pages S70–71, S74**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Lloyd James Austin, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Defense.

Adewale O. Adeyemo, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

Xavier Becerra, of California, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Kristen M. Clarke, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Antony John Blinken, of New York, to be Secretary of State.

Donet Dominic Graves, Jr., of Ohio, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

Peter Paul Montgomery Buttigieg, of Indiana, to be Secretary of Transportation.

Vanita Gupta, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General.

Miguel A. Cardona, of Connecticut, to be Secretary of Education.

Kathleen Holland Hicks, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Marcia Louise Fudge, of Ohio, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Colin Hackett Kahl, of California, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Merrick Brian Garland, of Maryland, to be Attorney General.

Brenda Mallory, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality.

Jennifer Mulhern Granholm, of Michigan, to be Secretary of Energy.

Janet Garvin McCabe, of Indiana, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Isabella Casillas Guzman, of California, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

Jason Scott Miller, of Maryland, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

Avril Danica Haines, of New York, to be Director of National Intelligence.

Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General.

Debra Anne Haaland, of New Mexico, to be Secretary of the Interior.

Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Florida, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service for a term of four years.

Eric S. Lander, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Wendy Ruth Sherman, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

Shalanda D. Young, of Louisiana, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Denis Richard McDonough, of Maryland, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Gina Marie Raimondo, of Rhode Island, to be Secretary of Commerce.

Michael Stanley Regan, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Cecilia Elena Rouse, of New Jersey, to be Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Katherine C. Tai, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Neera Tanden, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of the Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Thomas J. Vilsack, of Iowa, to be Secretary of Agriculture.

Martin Joseph Walsh, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Labor.

Janet Louise Yellen, of California, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

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#### **Executive Communications:**

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#### **Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

**Pages S72–73**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—3)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 4:30 p.m. and adjourned at 7:08 p.m., until 12 noon on Thursday, January 21, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S73.)

## ***Committee Meetings***

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2021.

## *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Peter Paul Montgomery Buttigieg, of Indiana, to be Secretary of Transportation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

12 noon, Thursday, January 21

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

2 p.m., Thursday, January 21

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will be in a period of morning business.

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 335—Legal exception necessary to appoint Lloyd J. Austin III as President-elect Biden's Secretary of Defense.



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